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Save the Date

Coach to be Honored

35 Years at E. D. White Catholic

If you have ever played under the coaching of Preston LeJeune, we invite you to relive those memories by joining in a memorable celebration that will be free and open to the public.

On Friday, September 20 at 5:30 P.M., a presentation and reception will be held honoring Preston LeJeune with the naming of the new school gym in the Dr. Richard Morvant, Sr. Complex of Champions.

Preston began his career at E. D. White in the spring of 1978 as the defensive coordinator of the football team. During the summer of 1978 he was promoted to football's head coach. During a twenty-three year career as the Cardinals' head coach, Preston had an overall record of 181-82-1 which equates to a 68.8% winning record. During that time he coached four undefeated teams, 1982, 1984, 1990 and 1992. His teams won some type of championship seventeen out of the twenty-three years. Of those championships, eleven were district championships. His teams advanced to the state playoffs twenty out of twenty-three years. He was named District Coach of the Year nine times.

Coach LeJeune also coached the boys golf team to eight consecutive regional championships and the boys tennis teams to two regional championships. As an assistant baseball coach, two teams reached the state finals, and one was defeated in the semi-finals.

Under Preston's direction, the Cardinal athletic teams have won twenty-eight state championships in nine different sports.

For more information on the ceremony, please contact the Advancement Office at (985) 449-1859.

President's Report



Dear Parents, Alumni, and Friends,

We have literally just closed the books on the 2012-2013 school year and from every aspect it was a great success. The highlights of the year are listed in this publication. No publication can accurately relate the sense of community, pride, and spirituality that is present at E. D. White Catholic. The class of 2013 displayed leadership throughout the year and left their imprint on our school's 158-year history. We wish them all the best as they move on to new chapters in their lives and pray that God watches over them.

We also said goodbye to six members of the staff, Mrs. Ruth Thibodaux, Mrs. Michelle Robichaux, Mr. John Robichaux, Mrs. Kristen Robichaux, Mrs. Regina Hebert, and Br. Francis David. Br. Francis has assumed the role of president at St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. We wish them well and know that they will always be Cardinals at heart.

The conclusion of the 2013 school year also marked the completion of all major construction associated with Challenge 21. In 1998, a list of facility needs to prepare the school for the 21st century was compiled. For the past fifteen years we have addressed them with generous donations made to two capital campaigns, annual fund drives, and with other school funds. The cost was almost \$10,000,000 while donations have totaled almost \$9,000,000. For that reason, the annual fund drive for the 2013-2014 school year and beyond will focus on retiring the school's \$1.2 million debt. These improvements were much needed and will serve E. D. White Catholic students for many years. It is important to retire the debt and save the school over \$50,000 in interest payments per year.

As we turn our attention to the 2013-2014 school year, we welcome over 180 new students to our school. Our enrollment has risen to 775 students, an increase of over 50 students in the past two years. With your continued prayers and under the guidance of our principal, Mrs. Michelle Chiasson, and our dedicated staff, I am sure that the upcoming school year will continue to build on the traditions of excellence begun years ago by the Sisters of Mount Carmel and the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

Yours in Christ

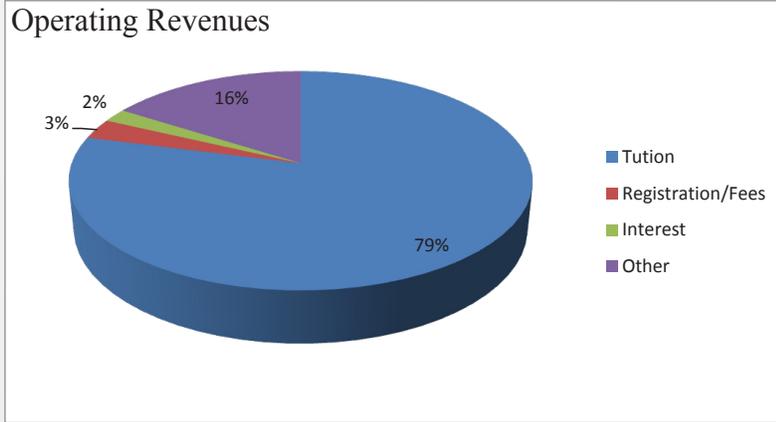
David Boudreaux '74, President

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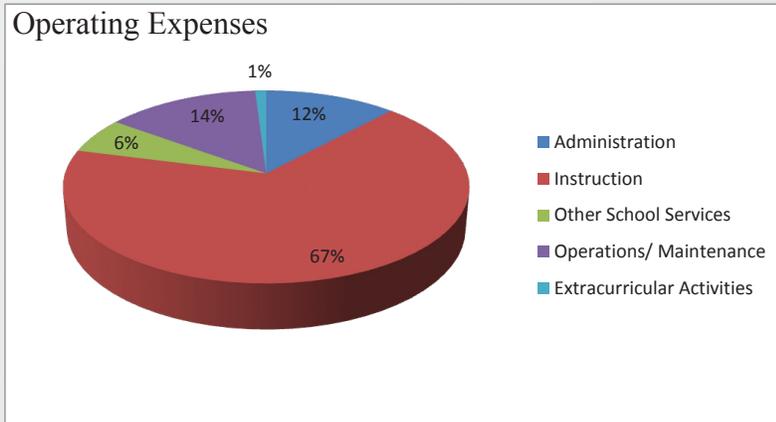
FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014



Interest includes interest earned on school/Foundation endowments and prepaid tuition and loans.

Other income includes lunch program, organizations' income, parents' club donations, bookstore, Annual Fund, and grants.



Administration includes administrative/staff/ secretarial/ bookkeeping salaries/public relations/ travel expenses and other administrative expenses.

Instruction includes teacher salaries, departmental budgets, retirement, social security, medicare, and hospitalization/casualty insurance.

Operations maintenance includes utilities, vehicle maintenance, and technology improvements.

Other school services include bus and lunch room expenses, extracurricular activities, bookstore expenses, expenses paid by Band Boosters, Cardinal Club, lunch program expenses, and other donations.

Donors help to enhance the learning environment, provide state-of-the-art facilities, and keep tuition affordable for all families who desire a Catholic education.

The Class of 2014 received \$1,718,950 in scholarship offers. This amount does not include TOPS.

? of 146 seniors earned TOPS awards.



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Enhancing Self-Esteem



Thibodaux College Mass and Gala 100 Years of Service

Last school year marked the 100th anniversary of the opening of Thibodaux College and a century of continuous service of the Brothers in Thibodaux.

On January 11, 2013 approximately 200 guests attended the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Gala in the EDW Union. Brother Ray Hebert and Rev. Charles Perkins were the Celebrants for the school-wide Mass and then the gala was held later in the evening.

The program included talks from Brother Paul Montero S.C., Brother Xavier Werneth, S.C., Brother Ray Hebert, S.C., Brother Patrick McGinity S.C., and Brother Ronald Hingle, S.C., a reflections video presentation from Thibodaux College graduates on their days with the Brothers, and a presentation of the Thibodaux College banner donated by the Class of 1960.

The night ended with the Brothers gathered on stage to sing "Animes de L'amour."



Pictured is Bro. Xavier Werneth, S. C. speaking during the gala.



Cardinal Music

by Tim Robichaux, Cardinal Music Director

The Cardinal Music program had an outstanding year last year.

In 2012, the Cardinal Vanguard presented a marching show titled "Canvas." The theme of the show was to present a blank canvas to the audience, and throughout the show fill the canvas with the color of sound. The exciting aspect of the show was that the music was original music composed by a

2010 E. D. White alum, Ben Robichaux. The Cardinal Vanguard was named Reserve Grand Champion at the Vanderbilt festival and Grand Champion at the Destrehan festival. The highlight of the year was at the Northwestern festival in Natchitoches, Louisiana. The Cardinal Vanguard was named Grand Champion at the festival, which included over 25 bands from Louisiana and Texas.

The band had 25 students who were selected for the District Honor Band. Four of those students, Alyssa Cruse, Hannah LaFleur, Joey Blake and Chelsea Thibodeaux were selected for the All-State Band.

The Indoor Percussion had another exciting year finishing in 2nd place at the Louisiana Circuit Championships.

The Winterguard had an outstanding year and achieved two "firsts" in our history. They placed 3rd at a WGI regional in Pensacola, Florida, and made it to the semi-finals placing 19th overall at the WGI World Championships in Dayton, Ohio where they competed against 125 other groups.

The Concert Band earned a Sweepstakes trophy at the District Festival. The Symphonic Band earned a Sweepstakes trophy at the district festival and then earned a Sweepstakes trophy at the State Festival with a fine performance of "William Tell" overture.



Athletic Highlights

by Preston LeJeune, Athletic Director

E. D. White Catholic's Athletic Department just completed another excellent year of sports in competition. The fall sports season was a successful one. The boys and girls cross country teams both won district championships. It was the 30th consecutive district championship for the girls, and the 16th straight district championship for the boys. At the state meet in Natchitoches, the boys finished as state runner-up and the girls finished in fifth place. In swimming, the boys and girls had another tremendous year. At the state swim meet in Sulphur, the boys finished as state champions and the girls team placed as state runner-up.

The volleyball team won the district championship, making it the 15th win in 17 years. The Cardinals received a bye in the first round of playoffs and hosted Lusher in the regional round of playoffs. In the quarterfinals at the Pontchartrain Center the team defeated Parkview Baptist in three games. In the semifinals, the Cardinals defeated St. Louis Catholic in three games. The team then advanced to the championship match against Teurlings Catholic, making it the 9th time in 13 years. The team lost in a thrilling five game match, marking the 8th time the team finished as state runner-up.

The football team played its first season the new artificial turf field. The Cardinals finished third in district falling behind Patterson and Franklin. The Cardinals got to the playoffs and traveled to Parkview Baptist for a bi-district game, but lost a close scoring game to be eliminated from the playoffs.

The winter sports season was equally successful. The girls basketball team won district championship for the fourth time in the last five years. The girls entered the playoffs and were defeated in the bi-district round against Independence.

Enhancing Self-Esteem

The boys basketball team was young in a competitive district. The Cardinals qualified for the playoffs and played Donaldsonville in the bi-district round of the playoffs, but the Cardinals were defeated by the Tigers.

Girls soccer had another great season, finishing as district champion. The Cardinals defeated Vandebilt in district play for the first time in soccer. The Cardinals had a bye in the first round of playoffs and defeated Ursuline in the regional round of the playoffs. The team then played top seeded Ben Franklin in the quarterfinal round of the playoffs, but lost a hard fought game.

In boys soccer, the team entered the playoffs playing against West Ouachita in the bi-district round of the playoffs. The Cardinals defeated the Chiefs 11-0. The team then traveled to Baton Rouge to take on St. Michaels in the regional round of playoffs. The Cardinals won in two overtime periods, advancing to the quarterfinals. The team played a hard game against Beau Chene, but was defeated by the Gators.

The spring sports teams captured several championships. The boys golf team won district and regional championships and placed fourth at the state tournament held in Shreveport. The girls team placed third in the district tournament held at Atchafalaya and placed seventh at the regional tournament held at LSU. The ladies failed to qualify for the state tournament.

The boys track team won the district championship at the district track meet in Franklin. The Cardinals qualified in 17 events for the regional meet held in Abbeville. The Cardinals had two athletes who qualified for the state track meet held at LSU. The district championship was the third in school history and first since 2004.

The girls track team also won the district championship at the meet held in Franklin. The girls team qualified for 15 events for the regional meet held at Abbeville. The team qualified in three events for the state track meet held at LSU.

The softball team won the district championship, making it the third district championship in the school's history. The Cardinals entered the playoffs and traveled to play St. Charles in the bi-district round. The team had a three run lead in the bottom of the seventh, but St. Charles came back to tie the game forcing it into extra innings. The game was called because of darkness and was rescheduled for the next day. St. Charles took a one run victory to advance.

Baseball had another successful season finishing with a sixth straight district championship. The Cardinals entered the playoffs and defeated Caldwell Parish in the bi-district game played at home. The team then traveled to St. Francisville to play West Feliciana in the regional round. West Feliciana won with a high scoring game 15-14. The Cardinals baseball team ended the season with an outstanding 25-6 record.

The girls tennis team had another tremendous season. The Cardinals finished as runner-up to Assumption in the Bayou-River League. The regional tournament was held in New Orleans and several of the girls qualified for the state tournament held in Monroe.

The boys tennis team was equally successful. The boys also finished as Bayou-River League runner-up to Assumption. The Cardinals won the regional championship at the regional tournament held in New Orleans. The boys qualified five entries to the state tournament in Monroe and finished as state runner-up.

Last summer due to the generosity of the Broussard and Bernard families, an artificial turf football field was installed at Harvey Peltier Stadium. The field is beautiful and the athletes and coaches love it. With the new field there is no missed practice time because of weather conditions other than lightning. With the addition to the turf field, I truly believe that our athletic facilities are some of the finest in the state. Our athletes and coaches are blessed to have the support that is shown by our parents, friends and alumni.

This will be the last yearly summary of athletics that I write for the Cardinal Courier. After 36 years of being involved in Cardinal athletics, the last 22 as athletic director, I have decided to work one more year at E. D. White solely as Advancement Director. I have enjoyed my association with the parents, friends, alumni and especially the athletes that I have encountered throughout the years. After a total of 47 years in high school athletics it is time to move on to another phase in my life.

My goal for this year is to retire the school debt on the new gym. I am humbled and very proud of the fact that the school administration, advisory council, diocesan superintendent and Bishop gave their consent to name this very fine facility the "Preston LeJeune Gymnasium." I would hate to leave E. D. White Catholic High School in debt because of a building with my name on it. I will be calling on some of you to help me reach this goal; but it would help immensely if you could give me a call if you feel you can help so that we could get together to discuss this matter. Again, I want to thank you for all of the support that you have given our athletic programs for the past 36 years, and if I can ever do anything for you in the future, just give me a call.



iPads

First Year Complete

The iPad implementation completed its first school year, with every student at E. D. White having an iPad in hand for the 2012-2013 school year.

The three year project was made possible from Annual Fund donations to pay for the infrastructure necessary to support an iPad for every student.



"Annie"

EDW's Got Talent

Pictured from left are Victiria Rodriguez, Natalie Richard and Christian Caillouet during their performance of "Annie." The E. D. White Catholic Drama Club presented several performances during the weekend of April 13-14, and then performed a few scenes in front of the school for the Cardinal Talent Show on April 25.

Promoting Academic Excellence

Outstanding Graduate

Emily Robichaux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Robichaux, was named the Outstanding Graduate of the Class of 2014. The Outstanding Graduate Award is the highest award, and it goes to the graduate who best exemplifies the spirit and purpose of the school. The faculty members who know and who have worked with the seniors vote on the recipient. The following categories are considered: character, scholarship, service, school spirit, and leadership.



Charism Awards

Emily Robichaux also received the Sisters of Mount Carmel Charism Award. This award recognizes the graduate who exhibits a faith life that encourages her to give of herself to other students and to those in her civic and church parishes. Like Mary, a woman of simplicity and faith, the recipient brings hope and love into her world. (From left) Sr. Denis Rodrigue, Sr. Barbara Nell Laperouse, Emily Robichaux and Sr. Alice Abate.



Jaelon Jones received the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Charism Award presented by Bro. Patrick McGinity, S.C. This award recognizes a student who reaches out in compassion to his fellow man, not only in prayer, but also in acts of service and support, thus furthering the presence of Christ in our world today.



Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement

The E. D. White Catholic High School Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercises were held on Friday, May 16 at the Warren J. Harang, Jr. Municipal Auditorium. There were 146 graduates in the class.



The honor graduates included Mary Catherine Bergeron, Caroline Louise Bourgeois, Adele Elise Broussard, Christopher David Kotar, Gabrielle Kathleen Naquin, Christopher Daniel Melancon, Natalie Ann Richard, Mattie Elizabeth Steib, Emily Claire Barbera, Scott Gerald Sanders Jr., Emily Marie Sauce, Camille Frances Schwaner, Madeline Aimée Roth, Seth James Ledet, Ashlynn Taylor Butler, James Andrew Barker, Alexandra Sophie Donner, Emily Claire Robichaux, Ryan Jacob Duplantis, Shelby Morgan Simoneaux, Lucy Elizabeth Benoit and Rachel Elaine Bourgeois.



Sixth to Graduate

The Sauce Family

Its youngest to oldest: Emily, Mary, Erin, Robert, Jana, Heather, Sharon, and Steve



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Alumni News

Welcome Home Alumni

Upcoming Events

2013-2014

OCTOBER 24

Alumnus of the Year Mass and Luncheon

OCTOBER 25

Homecoming
50-Year Reunion Dinner
Alumni Tailgate Party

OCTOBER 26

Cardinal Day at the Links at Bayou Country Club Golf Course

OCTOBER 30

Annual Open House

DECEMBER 1

Hall of Fame Luncheon

FEBRUARY 7

Cardinal Prayer Breakfast

MARCH 23

Senior Girls' Breakfast

MARCH 30

Senior Boys' Breakfast

Contact the Advancement Office at (985) 449-1859 for more information about any of these events.



2006

Stephen Lefort was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate for Houma-Thibodaux on May 24, 2014 at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral. He will be assigned as a Deacon Intern at St. Thomas Aquinas Church at Nicholls State University from June to October. He will be ordained to the Priesthood in May 2015.

2009-2010

Andrew Aubin '10, Angelle Aubin, Trevor Boudreaux, Hailey Silverii, Devin Bourgeois, Andy Morris and Nicholas Algu, all of '09.



Alumni News

Alumni Association 2014-2015 Alumnus of the Year



The Alumni Association of Edward Douglas White Catholic High School has announced Dr. Chester Weimer '69 as the recipient of the 2013 Alumnus of the Year Award.

The Alumnus of the Year Award is given to a graduate of Thibodaux College, Mount Carmel Academy, Thibodaux Central Catholic, or E. D. White Catholic, who exemplifies the charism of the Sisters of Mount Carmel and the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in his or her life and who has achieved success in the global community.

Dr. Chester Weimer attended Nicholls State University and was accepted into the LSU Shreveport Medical School after three years at NSU. He received his medical degree in 1976 and completed his urology residency in New Orleans in 1981.

He has practiced as a board certified urologist locally since August 1981. He has served on the medical staffs of Thibodaux Regional Medical Center, St. Anne General Hospital, and Terrebonne General Medical Center. He was elected Chief of Staff at both St. Anne and Thibodaux Regional Medical Center. He has also been named as one of the New Orleans' area best urologist.

Weimer has also served the Thibodaux community as coach for youth sports programs and as team physician for E. D. White Catholic.

Weimer will be honored at the Homecoming Mass on Thursday, October 24, and at an Alumnus of the Year luncheon that will follow at Envie Restaurant in Thibodaux. Please contact Kaye Constant at kconstant@htdiocese.org if you wish to attend the luncheon.



As always, we need information for our Alumni Update. Let us know about you. Tell us about your family, where you live; about your job, what you do and the position and title you hold; about your interests and vocations, awards, and publications - anything and everything. Send or email recent photos and news articles, etc. Send information to Kaye Constant; 555 Cardinal Drive; Thibodaux, LA 70301; kconstant@htdiocese.org.

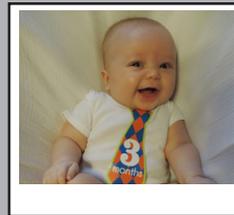


Wedding Bells

Margaret Johnson Marcello '99
married Tim Petersen on April 20, 2013

Baby Cardinals

Zarina Cross Cole, daughter
of Rob Cole '96 and Anita
Sethna Cole



Myers, son of Lauren Lafont Myers
'04 and Bryan Myers



Paul Luke, son of Jana Sauce
Zeringue '99 and Timothy
Zeringue Jr. '96



Bourgeois

In Memoriam

The following alumni and friends of E. D. White Catholic have passed. Please remember them and their family in your prayers.

Michael Joseph Constant '71

Partners in the Mission

E. D. White Catholic High School has been blessed by the generosity and kindness of friends, families, alumni, businesses, and foundations who have partnered with us to provide a quality Catholic education rooted in the charisms of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart and the Sisters of Mount Carmel. The following reflects donations made from July 1, 2013, through July 31, 2014, to the E. D. White Foundation, the E. D. White Annual Fund, and/or the E. D. White Media Center. Our sincere appreciation goes out to all of our supporters.



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Opportunities for Giving

Annual Fund

The focus of the annual fund for the 2013-2014 school year is to reduce the school's debt.

Gifts to Specific Programs

Donations to specific curricular or co-curricular areas, programs, or other designations provide a more direct method of giving in the area of greatest interest to the donor. Your gift opportunities include cash and specific gifts to departments or programs.

Memorial Gift

Gifts to the EDW Endowment Fund or the EDW Annual Fund can be given in memory of a friend or loved one. Gifts may also be given in honor of an anniversary, birthday, graduation, or other significant event.

Endowment Fund

Donations are on deposit with the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux and earn interest each year. The interest income from these named endowment funds is used to subsidize the operating budget each year and to provide financial aid to families who could not otherwise afford to give their children a quality Catholic education. These dedicated, perpetual gifts help assure the continued excellence and existence of EDW and its affordability for generations of young people to come.

Mount Carmel / Sacred Heart Educators Fund

The interest from this perpetual gift will eventually allow us to offer competitive salaries, and at the same time, attract the next generation of educators who will keep alive the teaching traditions of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart and the Sisters of Mount Carmel.

Guardian Angel Student Aid Fund

Donations for tuition assistance will be placed in our Endowment Fund, and funds derived from the interest will be used to help families in need of tuition assistance.

Planned Giving

Planned gifts can benefit EDW while helping you to save taxes, increase your income, and pass more onto your heirs. Planned gifts are contributions by a donor through his or her estate. A statement in the donor's will or trust can direct the personal representative to give to EDW. Gifts include appreciated securities, real estate, business interests, life insurance, personal property, and retirement plans.

2013-2014 Highlights



Faculty and staff dressed up in princess and evil witch costumes and performed a skit for the Homecoming pep rally on October 18.



EDW celebrated its annual Veterans Day Program November 12.



In October, students, faculty and family members of E. D. White gathered together in the stadium to pray a Living Rosary.

Sara Robichaux Guidry '96, who practices dentistry in Thibodaux, was the guest speaker for the Seniors Grandmother/Mother/Daughter Breakfast on March 24 at Envie Restaurant.



Dr. Jacques Gaudet '99, who works at Southern E.N.T. as an Otolaryngologist, was the speaker for the senior boys Grandfather/Father/Son breakfast on April 14 at Envie Restaurant.



The first ever National Honor Society Cardinal Cook-Off was held March 17 in the Union with all dishes cooked and prepared by students and faculty of EDW.



Edward Douglas White Catholic High School held its 2012 Hall of Fame induction ceremony December 2 at Envie Restaurant in Thibodaux to honor Eddie Cole (top left) and Brother Paul Montero (top right).



Grandparents Day was held during Catholic Schools Week on January 30-31.



The annual EDW Fishing Rodeo was held June 30, 2012 at Bridgeside Marina in Grand Isle.



The junior high softball team is pictured helping out at the Nicholls State University softball field on March 28.



On April 25 Students showed off their talents at the Card Show.



The Cardinal Club's annual golf tournament was held April 20 at the Bayou Country golf course in Thibodaux.



The Raul Prado concert was celebrated on September 8 in the EDW gym. The band was made up of musicians who played under the baton of Prado.



Kathleen Broggi was named Alumna of the Year and honored at the Homecoming Mass on Thursday, October 18.



The E. D. White Band of 1973 and the class of 2013 were honored at the Spring Concert May 1. The band of 1973 was the first to receive a Sweepstakes Trophy at a state concert contest and traveled to Mexico City for the International Music Festival.



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